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SUBJECT: USE OF TRANSIT ROUTES DURING DRIVING BAN

REF: BERLIN 2064

1. SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS STOBBE INFORMED
MINISTER DECEMBER 14 THAT SENAT HAS ENCOUNTERED
CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING FRG AGREEMENT
ON ARRANGEMENT TO ALLOW EXCEPTIONS FOR USE OF TRANSIT
ROUTES BY PASSENGER VEHICLES ON CARLESS SUNDAYS. HE
SAID THERE WERE NUMEROUS IDEAS AS TO HOW PROBLEM COULD
BE SURMOUNTED, E.G. US OF STICKERS LIMITING DRIVERS
TO NON-USE OF THEIR CARS ON ANY DAY OF THEIR CHOICE;
ENFORCING BAN ON DIFFERENT DAYS, DEPENDING ON KEY NUMBER
IN LICENSE PLATES; BROADENING OF EXCEPTIONS FOR
TRAVEL ON TRANSIT ROUTES; ETC. ANY ONE OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS
WOULD AUTOMATICALLY TAKE CARE OF THE TRANSIT DILEMMA.
HEART OF PROBLEM, ACCORDING TO STOBBE,
WAS INABILITY OF FRG AUTHORITIES TO REACH CONSENSUS
AND LEAD TIME NECESSARY FOR ANY NEW ARRANGEMENT TO TAKE
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EFFECT. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, SENAT LAST WEEK AGREED NOT

TO PRESS ITS CASE WITH VIEW TO EFFECTING CHANGES ON
AUTO-BAN SUNDAYS IN JANUARY, BUT TO RAISE MATTER
AGAIN IF IT APPEARED LIKELY BAN WOULD EXTEND INTO
FEBRUARY.

2. COMMENT: SENAT POSITION MAY BE REALISTIC ADJUSTMENT
TO ADMINISTRATIVE FRUSTRATION, BUT IN MEANTIME MOUNTING
RECORD OF SUNDAY NON-USE INCREASES RISKS FLAGGED REFTTEL.
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